

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| IN RE APPLICATION | ATTORNEY DKT No: | TH1768E/US |
| OF: HANDLIN ET AL. | CONFIRMATION No.: | 8403 |
| SERIAL No. 10/511,992 | GROUP ART UNIT: | 1711 |
| FILED: OCTOBER 21, 2004 | EXAMINER: | ASINOVSKY, OLGA |
| TITLE: SOLVENT-FREE, HOT MELT ADHESIVE COMPOSITION COMPRISING A CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION BLOCK COPOLYMER | | |

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION FOR A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir,

In response to the final Office action mailed on May 31, 2006 and advisory action of November 15, 2006, it is request that the following remarks and amendments be entered and considered for continued examination of the above mentioned application:

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.